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Benny Leonard Declares He Is Going to Try His Best to Knock Out Johnny Kilbane To-Morrow Night.

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THE Leonard-Kilbane fight will be held to-morrow night at White Park, Philadelphia. This will be the first big amateur fight in Quakertown since Bill Hutchinson and Jack O'Brien stepped into the ring one sunny afternoon thirteen years ago. There have been other ball park battles, but they didn't bring champions together.

From present indications White Park will hold a record breaking crowd. Boxes around the ring will add thousands to the ordinary seating capacity. There are 11,000 \$2 and \$1 seats that will not be sold until Wednesday unless the speculators get them. The higher priced seats are practically all sold now. Philadelphia doesn't pay New York prices, but a good fight can pack anything from a cellar club to a ball park, any time.

Leonard has been busy finishing his training at Billy Grupp's gymnasium instead of down on the Jersey coast, as no intention to travel. He will remain in Philadelphia Wednesday afternoon, go to his rooms in a hotel, and rest quietly until he dresses for the ring. Kilbane has been training in the country near Philadelphia.

The Philadelphia authorities have received the usual "tip" circulated before every important no-decision contest—that the men will stall through the six rounds. A number of police will be stationed near the ring to stop the crowd if there is any sign of trouble and force the promoters to return the gate money.

When asked last night about the "stalling" story, Benny Leonard laughed and said:

"I never learned how to stall. I guess people who have seen my knockouts never doubt me when I start stalling now. I think that Kilbane will try to fight a fast, clever fight and use his speed to keep out of my way. It would make a fine show if I danced around him like a cobra. Against him, wouldn't it? I'm going right after him from the start, and I'll stick as close as I can and do my best to land the hardest punches I can put over. There'll be no stalling on my part and you can be sure there'll be none on Kilbane's part. I'm going into the ring to keep him on the run and get him if it's possible to do it."

After the Kilbane fight Benny will come home for a short rest and then go to Philadelphia to do some boxing for the "cookies" in the big officers' training camp at the request of Major Reginald Barlow.

COL VANDERHILT has appointed Charlie Dieses to take charge of military athletics in the Twenty-second New York Engineers. Dieses will promote contests in boxing, wrestling, baseball, track athletics and other events.

When they go to Spartansburg, N. C., the engineers will lay out an athletic track. Prizes will be given in all competitions.

TED LEWIS fights a hard one Friday night when he meets Mike O'Dowd. This isn't for the winter championship, however, as O'Dowd weighs over 150 pounds and couldn't win the title if he knocked Lewis out for a year.

They fought a few weeks ago, and Lewis gave one of the finest exhibitions of skill in carrying a fight to a heavy slugger ever seen in the ring. His offer of \$1000 a card certainly is not getting him laid, and did more than his share of the tearing. Lewis, with his pale, expressionless face, his wiry build and his enormous confidence and aggressiveness, makes an ideal fighter.

Lewis is to give Jack Hedlin a return match soon.

BENNY LEONARD and Kilbane are to receive \$20,000 for their knockout fight. Frankie Burns is off to Europe to mix in the same ring at a later date. Something more may lost a chance, considering the status of the men. It failed to be \$1000 at 1000.

You can see a guy sleep if he may be because he's in the draft.

MUSCILIOUS BILLY SMITH has told that heavyweight champion to mix in the ring with him. "I am working in a big construction plant erecting a big freight house in Cleveland, where I shan't in the old days knocking out Young Peter Jackson in eighteen rounds with his ear hanging off," writes William.

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GOLF NEWS AND Gossip

America's Leading Professionals and Amateurs Will Compete in the 30-Hole Medal Play Contest at Englewood To-Day.

Chick Evans, holder of the national open and amateur titles, hasn't yet decided whether or not he'll compete in the Professional Golfers' Association's tournament, which will be continued at Englewood to-day. If he does not compete Ned Snyder will take his place. There will be a 30-hole medal play contest in which a large majority of America's leading amateurs and professionals will take part. On form there seems little to choose among Jack Hutchinson, Gilbert Nicholls, Mike Brady and Walter Hagen.

Jerome D. Travers after a few days diligent practice at Pine Valley will test his game against that of the man who finished behind him at Balboa's a few seasons ago, while as a first class aid will be Oswald Kirby, playing over his home course with a deep knowledge of the run of the greens and the placing of the driving points, which count minutely at Englewood.

Bobby Jones and Ned Sawyer will be on hand. The former played poorly yesterday and seems to have a long to go in which to build his game up again. Norman Maxwell, another who showed at the tournament that he possessed a game worth respect, while the list of professionals who have a good chance remain to be mentioned.

Jack Hutchinson, Mike Brady, Gillette, Ned Snyder and Pat Bryan, the latter holder of the world's hammer throw record, will enter active contests for the national title. "We're up to trials up to the last," said Chas. R. Rex, president of the club, "but we're still in the dark as to what the results will be."

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PHILADELPHIA, July 24.—Johnny Rosner of New York, recent champion of America, won a stunning victory over the planarians of Boston at the Belmont A. C. last night, thus ending his remarkable winning streak.

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